

BUILDING OUR LIBRARY OF TOMORROW

MARLBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

advocate

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from the president

WHAT IS THE MARLBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION?

The MPL Foundation is the primary fund raising support organization for the Marlborough Public Library located at 35 West Main Street, Marlborough, Massachusetts. It was established in 2002 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation whose primary mission is to raise money on behalf of the library. In partnership with the City of Marlborough, our goal is to build a brand new library, doubling the size of the existing one, in order to provide the best possible library services and programs to the deserving residents of Marlborough.

WHY DO WE NEED A NEW LIBRARY?

- ▶ We have run out of space for new books.
- ▶ We have limited room for you and your family to relax and read.
- ▶ Programs for the community are crowded with nowhere to expand.
- ▶ Parking is very limited.

GOALS OF THE FOUNDATION

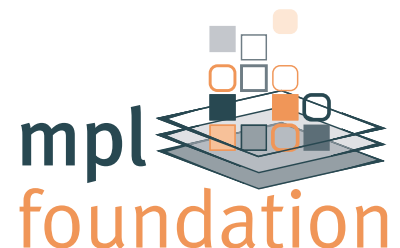
Do you and your family deserve a state-of-the art library you can be proud of? We think so! Our primary goal is to raise money (along with City and State funds) to build a new library that will be a major enhancement to the City of Marlborough. Our fund drive will provide residents with a clear-cut, tax-exempt path for major financial donations. Once the new library is built, the Foundation will provide an ongoing endowment for the library to help keep pace with new technologies, to expand its collections, and to continue upgrades to the public space.

We hope to gain your active participation and financial support as we move toward the bright future of a new and improved Marlborough Public Library.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Verrico".

Daniel Verrico, President
Marlborough Public Library Foundation



what's happening

SPECIAL RECEPTION & TRIBUTE HELD FOR ADMINISTRATORS OF THE EZRA CUTTING TRUST

On June 14, 2006, The Friends of the Marlborough Public Library hosted a Reception and Tribute in the Bigelow Auditorium of the Marlborough Public Library for administrators of the Ezra Cutting Trust. Mr. Marshall Schell, Grants Coordinator of the United States Trust Company of Boston, was our special guest.

On behalf of all the City organizations, Mr. Raymond Johnson of The Friends of the Marlborough Public thanked the Ezra Cutting Trust Fund for the many thousands of dollars granted over the years that have enriched the lives of the citizens of Marlborough.

Guest speakers included Mayor Nancy Stevens of the City of Marlborough, representatives of the Library and its Board of Trustees, the Marlborough Public Library Foundation, Marlborough Hospital, and the Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson.

These organizations have all been recipients of grants from the Ezra Cutting Trust.

Mayor Stevens offered thanks on behalf of many other recipients including the Hillside School, Marlborough Boys and Girls Club, Marlborough Red Cross

Visiting Nurse Association, the Boy Scouts of America (Algonquin Council), and the Salvation Army (Marlborough chapter.)

The itinerary included a tour of "Old Homesteads Collection of Marlborough" (permanent art exhibit at the Library), a tour of Marlborough Public Library, a brief driving tour of Marlborough highlighting Ezra Cutting sites, social hour and dinner at the Wildwood Steak House, and the Annual Meeting of The Friends of the Marlborough Public Library with Special Tribute to the Ezra Cutting Trust.

Clearly the Ezra Cutting Trust has been a generous contributor to the health and vitality of the City of Marlborough over many decades. We thank the United States Trust Company for continuing their support of our City.

LITERACY GRANT

The Trustees of the library are very grateful to the Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson for a \$300 literacy grant award. Members of the church, Mr. Bruce Crawford and Ms. Johanna Ambrosio-LaPlante attended the June 6th Trustees meeting to make the presentation. They spoke very eloquently on the literacy issues we face right here in our own community and their desire to work in partnership with the Marlborough Public Library to address these issues. The Trustees agreed, and have set up a Literacy Initiative with Trustees Susan Laufer, Jean Peters, and Kirsten Macina leading the way. We look forward to working with Mr. Crawford and Ms. Ambrosio-LaPlante on literacy outreach programs for the citizens of our community!

—Susan Laufer, Library Trustee Vice-Chair

in the future

PLANNING IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS

Most successful endeavors are the result of well thought out and advanced planning. The same is true for a new library.

As we strive to keep pace with the advances in information technology, adapt to new cultural and language needs in our community and struggle to maintain our aging and antiquated facility, we have become acutely aware that it is time to consider a new footing.

We won't have to go it alone. The Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program, administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, can fund 35% of the cost of construction if our project is planned properly and follows state guidelines. As of April 2006, there is a waiting list of over \$90 million for 33 approved library building projects across Massachusetts.

With a founding investment by the City of Marlborough of approximately 50% of the total cost, a matching state grant, participation from our local business community and your help, we can again make the Marlborough Public Library the great institution it was created to be 100 years ago with a founding grant from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie.

Please consider supporting this effort by volunteering or making a financial contribution. You will be hearing a lot more about this exciting project in the future.

—Peter Mongeau, Board Vice President



SHOWN ABOVE: Library Director, Betsy Wolfe, is honored with the Massachusetts Library Association 2006 Paralibrarian Leadership and Advocacy Award.



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“WE HAVE OUTGROWN THE BUILDING WE ARE IN NOW. WHEN YOU HAVE TO PUT EMPLOYEES IN THE BOILER ROOM TO PROCESS BOOKS BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER SPACE FOR THEM TO WORK—THAT IS A PROBLEM!”

—LINDA OSSING, LIBRARY TRUSTEE CHAIR

did you know?

WHO'S WHO AT THE MARLBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Marlborough Public Library is a department of the **City of Marlborough**, over which Mayor Nancy Stevens presides, along with eleven members of the City Council.

The library is governed by a board of trustees, made up of nine volunteers appointed by the Mayor to oversee the administration of the library. Each trustee serves a three year term. There is no limit to the number of terms a trustee may serve if re-appointed. The **2006 Library Board of Trustees** consists of: Linda Ossing, Chair; Susan Laufer, Vice Chair; Nena Bloomquist, Secretary; Raymond Johnson; Rustin Kyle; Kirsten Macina; Jean Peters; Lawrence Reeves; and Claude Tsai.

The **Library Director** is Elizabeth Marcus Wolfe (Betsy for short.) The library currently has 32 staff members, all enthusiastic employees of the City who are here to serve your library needs. Our main departments are the Children's Department, Young Adult Services, Reference Services, Periodicals, Technical Services, Circulation & Technology Services, and the Adult Department.

The **Friends of the Marlborough Public Library** are a major support to the library. This group of active volunteers strives to provide cultural programming at

the library, and assists the library financially with enhancements that we otherwise could not afford. The Friends' President, Raymond Johnson, who is also a trustee of the library, has served the group faithfully for over three decades! Ray serves alongside Teresa Stefanski, Vice President; Bill Ledder, Treasurer; and Jeannette Pollard, Secretary. The Friends are actively seeking new volunteers to assist in their many endeavors.

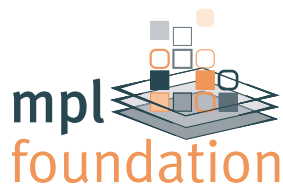
Last but certainly not least, the **Marlborough Public Library Foundation**, founded in 2002, aims to provide financial support for the purpose of building a new library. The Board of Directors consists of: Daniel Verrico, President; Peter Mongeau, Vice President; Fred Brewitt, Treasurer; Linda Ossing, Clerk; Maria Bentley; Lisa Szramiak; and Steve Szramiak.

This group is working hard to raise awareness in the City about the need for a new library, through means such as this newsletter. When the Trustees of the Library make their final decisions about a new library building, the Foundation stands prepared to raise significant funds that, along with City and State funds, will build our dream library.

Would you like to be on our next Who's Who list? We value your participation — give Betsy Wolfe a call today at 508-624-6901!

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Building our Library of Tomorrow



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